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The Municipalities of the Roman Empire. By James S. Reid. xv and 548 pp. Index. University Press, Cambridge. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1913. 9 x 6.

A most valuable work. It is not a book to be cursorily read. It must be carefully studied. Not a word, still less a sentence, is to be overlooked, lest the thread be lost in the enormous accumulation of facts. The treatment of these facts is, however, logical but of rare terseness. It may be said that there is a decided leaning towards admiration of everything Roman, yet it is not at all offensive, and justice is done to other influences not emanating from Latin sources. Dr. Reid's appreciation of Hellenic culture and its intellectual power in the Roman world is not only just but, in many instances, highly complimentary. In a word, he judges with great impartiality and always on the basis of vast material. The book gives an exceedingly detailed picture of the political geography of the Roman Empire and its gradual development. There is hardly a settlement that is not mentioned and, what is most important, accurately located as far as possible. The book may be regarded as a political map of ancient Rome in words; and much is given regarding the physical geography of the vast area covered, hydrography, orography, the vegetation as far as culture plants, indigenous and imported, affected Roman civilization and were in turn affected by it. In short, it is a vivid description of the land of ancient Rome, its people and its vicissitudes to the Fifth Century, the time of its dissolution. AD. F. BANDELIER.

Geschichte der Türken. Von Dr. Albrecht Wirth. 2. verbesserte und vermehrte Auflage. 115 pp. Ills., index. Franckh'sche Verlagshandlung, Stuttgart, 1912. Mk. 2. 10½ x 7.

This is an essentially popular sketch of Turkish history in Europe which will serve the purposes of ordinary reference. The upheaval of the Balkan States provided the occasion for this edition in which the record of events has been brought down to December, 1912. Without pretence of being more than an occasional book and in no sense intended to take the place of greater historical treatises this brief narrative will be found to contain an astonishingly large amount of those details of Turkish history which are in general so hard to find. The richness of this detail would have been brought to better use by an index better than that which the volume has received.

The History of the Italian-Turkish War. Sept. 29, 1911, to Oct. 18, 1912. By Commodore W. H. Beehler. 118 pp. Maps. Reprinted with additions from *Proceedings of the U. S. Naval Institute*. W. H. Beehler, Annapolis, Md. \$1. 9½ x 6½.

Based upon semi-official and other reliable data. A straightforward account of the origin, progress and conclusion of the war by a distinguished naval officer who describes the conditions under which war was made and tells the whole story without technical detail, mentioning all facts that were important in shaping events and results.

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY

Mémoire sur les Travaux du Conseil Permanent International pour l'Exploration de la Mer pendant les Années 1902-1912. Rédigé par C. F. Drechsel. 83 pp. Copenhagen, 1913. 10½ x 8½.

Published in German and English. The International Investigation of the Sea has been carried on by all the countries bordering on the North Sea and the Baltic for eleven years. The United States is in future to participate in the work. The International Council in September last year decided that a memorandum should be prepared, with the assistance of special experts, on the organization of this work, its programme and the results thus far achieved. The work has been comprehensive and the regions studied have included large parts of the Atlantic from the Arctic circle to the coast of Africa, the North Sea and the Baltic, with the waters between them. The Mediterranean also has, at times, been the scene of observations.